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Ministerial Personals

Rev. J. Wade Conkling, minister of the Unitarian Church in Atlanta, Ga., 1912-17 died of wounds received at the front in France on October 16. He was serving as Captain in the 82nd Division, A. E. F.

Rev. Dilworth R. Lupton of Louisville, Ky., has completed his course at the Chaplains' Training School, received his commission and an assignment to Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio.

Rev. Abbot Peterson of the First Parish, Brookline, Rev. G. E. Hathaway of the Westminster Church, Providence, and Rev. E. E. Meredith of the First Parish, Watertown, are now at the Chaplains' Training School at Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky.

Rev. C. P. Wellman of Worcester has a three months' commission in Camp Community Service.

Rev. L. M. Greenman has resigned at Quincy, Ill., and has taken charge of work for the Grand Lodge of Masons at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill.

Rev. J. H. Crooker, D.D., is supplying the church at Long Beach, Cal.

Rev. John Malick was installed at Cincinnati on November 24.

Mr. Wilton E. Cross was ordained on November 17 at Syracuse, N. Y., where he has charge of the church during the absence of the minister on overseas service.

Rev. B. F. Allen has accepted a call to the joint pastorate of the churches in Hackensack and Paterson, N. J.

Journeys

The Sunday appointments of Dr. Eliot, the President of the Association, for November were: on the 3rd, morning at the Unitarian Church, Northampton; afternoon, Vesper Service, Smith College; 10th, morning and afternoon, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.; 24th, Louisville, Ky. He also preached at the installation of Rev. J. W. MacDonald at Melrose, Mass., on November 6th, and of Rev. John Malick at Cincinnati, O., on November 24th. He has spoken at the meetings of the Unitarian Club of Ithaca, N. Y., and the Laymen's League of Cincinnati, Ohio, the Massachusetts Federation of Churches, the Post Office Mission Workers in Boston, and at meetings at Springfield, Mass., New York, N. Y., Louisville, Ky., and Buffalo, N. Y.

The preaching appointments of the Secretary, Mr. Cornish, for the month of November were: on the 3rd, West Roxbury; 10th, Plymouth; 17th, Italian Service, King's Chapel; 24th, Chestnut Hill.

Dr. A. W. Vernon has gone to Califor-

nia, under commission of the Directors of the Association, and will for six Sundays supply the pulpit of the church in Berkeley. He will also preach at the chapel of Leland Stanford University, Palo Alto, lecture at the Pacific Unitarian School for the Ministry, and meet other appointments in and about San Francisco.

Rev. Clifton M. Gray of Charleston, S. C., under commission from the Directors of the Association, will spend one or two weeks visiting the missions in the northern Florida circuit. Rev. P. R. Frothingham of Boston will visit Charleston and other Southern churches the latter part of December.

Field Secretary Gilmore is now visiting the churches in western New York and Pennsylvania. Field Secretary Brown is in charge of the church at Richmond, Va. He will be succeeded there in the latter part of this month by Rev. Clayton R. Bowen, and Mr. Brown will then proceed to visit the churches in the Rocky Mountain Department.

Gifts

The walls of the headquarters building at 25 Beacon Street have been adorned by two recent gifts. A portrait of Dr. Nathaniel Hall, for forty years the honored minister of the First Parish in Dorchester, has been given to the Association by his daughter, Mrs. Chapin of Chicago. The picture finds its appropriate place with those of many of Dr. Hall's contemporaries and fellow-workers. There has also been placed, attached to the brick wall in the hall of the building, a facsimile of the handsome tablet given a year ago to the Church of the Messiah in Montreal, on the occasion of the meeting of the General Conference in that church, and in celebration of the one hundred years of peace between Great Britain and America. It is much to be desired that the headquarters building should increasingly become a place where the portraits as well as the books of our Unitarian leaders can be seen. The collection is already large and notable.

The sale of the property formerly occupied by the Girard Avenue Church in Philadelphia has enabled the Directors of the Association to establish a Fund with a capital of $4,000 which is to bear the honored name of Charles Gordon Ames. The income of the Fund is to be used to help our cause in Philadelphia. For the present this will probably mean the support of pews in the First Church and the Germantown Church for the use of former members of the Girard Avenue Church. Dr. Ames was the first minister of that church, then known as the Spring Garden Church.

Buildings

The Government restrictions upon non-essential building operations have been so drastic that no new church buildings are now in process of erection. Two churches begun before the restrictions were made have been dedicated this fall. These are the churches at Omaha, Neb., and Sanford, Maine. With the removal or modification of the restrictions it may reasonably be hoped that building activities will be renewed in the course of the coming winter and spring. Such undertakings are beginning to be discussed at Reading, Brockton and Wellesley Hills, Mass. There are lots waiting for buildings at Albany, N. Y.; Holyoke, Mass.; Stockton, Cal.; White Plains, N. Y.; San Antonio, Tex.; Charleston, W. Va.; but these societies are now without ministerial leaders and the plans for the needed churches can hardly be wisely studied until new ministers are found and settled.

Union Services

A number of our parishes are proposing to unite their services during the coming winter. It is not probable that there will be so many federations with churches of other traditions as last year, but some significant movements are already in process. The three churches, Unitarian, Congregational and Methodist, in Sandwich, Mass., have voted to federate and to employ one minister. The services for the present

are to be held in the Unitarian meeting-house and it is hoped that a minister satisfactory to all three congregations can be discovered and settled before Christmas. The Unitarian churches in East Bridgewater and West Bridgewater are preparing to settle a minister to serve both parishes. A similar adjustment is in process with the churches in Hackensack and Paterson, N. J. Such joint pastorates provide a "man's job" for a minister and a decent livelihood. All Souls' Church in Roxbury is employing the services of the minister of the First Church, Rev. Miles Hanson. The Church of the Unity and the South Congregational Church in Worcester have voted to hold union services for the next three months. Both churches are now without active ministers.

New England Department

The New England Field Secretary, Mr. Nobbs, has recently filled preaching appointments in Brockton, Kennebunk, and Sanford, Maine. He has also attended the Worcester Conference at Harvard; Plymouth Conference at West Bridgewater; and the Channing Conference at Taunton, and shared in the speaking and discussions.

It has been his duty to look after the hazardous work of removing the steeple from the church in Dover, N. H., and making needed repairs. That work is nearly ended.

The best feature of the month's work was in connection with the church in Sanford, Maine. An address was given on Saturday night, November 2, to the Town Club. This is a business men's organization, and a company gathered which well filled the fine club rooms.

On the next day occurred the dedication of the church, which took place at 2:30 P. M., the secretary preaching the sermon. The church and the chapel in rear were filled and all the available spaces occupied by extra chairs. The beautiful building was fittingly dedicated to the worship of God and the service of man. This building represents the fulfillment of years of labor and hope. It is two years since the secretary began to visit the place. He has had the privilege of co-operating with the Rev. George F. Pratt, the minister, and with the people in this enterprise. It was not easy to secure assurances to warrant the undertaking. The timely help of the American Unitarian Association, and similar assistance from the Maine Unitarian Association, gave the needed encouragement. The people responded well. Even the entrance of America into the war after work had begun, while it threatened to cause at least delay, did not prevent the work. By gifts of money, materials, and service generously offered, a building has been completed which could not probably be erected anywhere else today for at least thirty per cent greater cost.

The task now is that of organizing old and young into a useful parish and Sunday School. If the same zeal and readiness to co-operate is shown in this matter which has thus far been so fruitful of good, this church will take its place of honorable usefulness to the town and to our cause at large.

The attendance at Conferences has its joys and starts its questions. The fellowships are pleasing and should be shared in ampler measure by the *men* of the churches. The question will arise, however, as to whether there is any other purpose served than the making and hearing of speeches. It does appear at times as if a more helpful and guiding part might be taken by the Conferences towards the local churches and the cause at large. Is there not in our Conferences a latent force and an undeveloped power for good which ought to be applied? A large part of this district is suffering because the churches are without ministers, especially in North Eastern Maine.

Department of Publicity

The growth of the use of the Wayside Pulpit has continued. There have been interesting additions to the list of churches of other denominations which have adopted it. This interdenominational growth is significant and gratifying. The new sheets for use until the first of January have been sent

out to all subscribers. They include patriotic utterances which are peculiarly timely, and also thoughts suitable for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

A new pamphlet prepared by the Secretary of this Department, Mr. Saunderson, entitled "Methods of Publicity for Unitarian Churches," will soon be ready for use in the Church Efficiency Series. The pamphlet makes an analysis of the problem of the typical Unitarian church — a single church of this denomination in the midst of a large American city. It suggests methods by which the church may reach people in all parts of the city so as to gather an increasing constituency. It points out that the problem of the Unitarian church so situated is radically different from that of a church of one of the orthodox denominations which has many parishes in the same city. It deals, therefore, not with church publicity in general but with the special problems of the churches of our own fellowship. Mr. Saunderson invites correspondence from Unitarian ministers on this subject.

War Work Council

The signing of the armistice with Germany has lifted a heavy burden from our hearts, and has assured an early peace. This does not mean, however, that the War Work Council is yet in a position to wind up its affairs. Even though the warring nations should agree upon a treaty of peace within the next three months, it will still be a much longer time before demobilization and the return of our troops from abroad and from the camps at home. For this reason, the churches will be obliged to continue their war work through the winter at least. Naturally our own Council is more active in New England than elsewhere because here so large a proportion of our churches are located.

The work which we have carried on at Ayer in conjunction with Congregationalists, Baptists, and Methodists, for the benefit of the soldiers at Camp Devens, calls for the raising of $3,000 on our part for meeting the expenses of the current year. The importance and value of this work are very great. The Federation House, as the building is named in which the work of the churches is maintained, has filled a unique place in the life of the town. Especially during the recent epidemic of influenza and pneumonia it was able to satisfy needs which otherwise could not have been met in the village. Several hundred anxious or grief-stricken people, parents and relatives of soldiers in the camp, found here a haven in their days of trouble. At all times the resources of the building are at the disposal of the soldiers and their friends, and the former understand and appreciate this deeply. The lounging room supplies a place where men can meet their friends in a quiet and more home-like atmosphere than is found at the Soldiers' Club. The Camp this winter has been very large and the necessity for the meeting place in the village has been greater even than last winter. Nothing has been said as yet about the demobilization of the camp, and the work at the House must continue indefinitely.

One reason why the Federation House has been able to render such effective service is that the Alliance has maintained a worker there, Mrs. C. U. Gilson, whose ability in handling difficult personal situations has been invaluable. Her service cannot be described for it is never two days the same, but it has been such as only a woman can render and no one could have done it with more tact, sympathy and success.

Part of the work which the Council undertook was the rehabilitation of the Unitarian church at Ayer. This has proved a more expensive undertaking than was anticipated because of the exceedingly high cost of labor and material. The work is substantially finished and the building has been made beautiful and exceedingly well adapted for its purpose. Some $5,000 are required to meet outstanding obligations. Lest anyone should think that the Federation House and the newly equipped church will be of little use with the coming of peace, it

may be said that should universal military training be adopted, as now seems probable, Camp Devens will undoubtedly become the mobilization camp for New England. It is very desirable, therefore, that the church should be one that will appeal to our young men in the camp, and the Federation House will be just as useful in the new regime as it has been in the past. Furthermore, so far as the latter has been concerned, it has been a matter for great congratulation that the representatives of four leading denominations of Massachusetts have been able to work together so unitedly and harmoniously. The results of this common effort will be far reaching, and the longer they can continue to consult together for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God the better it will be for the combined Christian forces. Subscriptions for the maintenance of all these works at Ayer are earnestly desired. Unitarians are giving liberally to all of the great national appeals. This one, however, is peculiarly our own, and we trust we may rise to our opportunity and privilege. Subscriptions may be sent to Mr. Charles B. Wiggin, Treasurer, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Department of Religious Education

Barnard Memorial, in Boston, has taken a forward step that may be commended with heartiness to other churches. The minister, Rev. Julius F. Krolfifer, starting with the assumption that the religious education of the children and young people connected with the Chapel is the central purpose and obligation of the organization, has opened an Institute for Workers with Youth, with sessions every Tuesday evening from November 5 to April 29. All teachers in this school are expected, and others are invited, to attend these classes. Two courses are offered, given on alternate weeks, one on "Training Youth in Religion and Morals," the other on Community Service under the title "Things Advisers of Youth Should Know." This Department is co-operating with Barnard Memorial by contributing the first course of lectures, given by Rev. Florence Buck, the Associate Secretary. Barnard Memorial has adopted the Beacon Course in all its classes, and lessons from these books will be largely used, in Miss Buck's course, in demonstrating and illustrating the topic.

This enterprise is a definite attempt to grapple with the problem that confronts not only Barnard Memorial but most of our church schools, namely, that the work of religious education must be done largely by persons who have not had direct training for the task. Training while in service seems to be the only course left to pursue, until such time as an enlightened church will secure for its religious educators as thorough previous preparation as is demanded of public-school teachers. If our churches could be led to establish such training classes as these Mr. Krolfifer has started, a better day would certainly come, not only to our schools but to the churches themselves. The personality of the teacher does, indeed, go far toward helping the children in our church schools to attain the good life. But if those teachers have been taught at least the elements of right teaching methods and the understanding of child life, their personal influence will be multiplied many fold. This effort at Barnard Memorial will be watched with great interest, to see how far the excellent course of institute lectures affects its teaching efficiency, and whether other churches will follow the good example thus set.

The Secretary of this Department had an interesting experience on the evening of November 9. The evangelical Sunday schools of Newton and contiguous towns, which together form a division of the Massachusetts Sunday School Association, held a week of teacher training meetings, and invited Dr. Lawrance to be the lecturer at this closing session. The subject assigned was "The Service of Worship." The reception given the speaker was most hearty. The incident seems to illustrate the fact that when people rise to the higher levels in their consideration of matters pertaining to

religion, they find much to bring them into substantial unity.

In pursuance of a plan made at the beginning of the year, the Secretary is giving much of his time to field work. Recent engagements have taken him to two churches in Newton, and to Reading, Dedham, Florence, Northampton, Chicopee and Greenfield. Other engagements have been made reaching well into the winter, but many dates are still open. When feasible, Dr. Lawrance wishes to group his engagements so as to economize as much as possible in time and railway fares. On this account he will be glad to know as far in advance as may be what churches would like to secure his services for presenting the work of religious education to the congregation, the Alliance, or to groups of parents and teachers.

The Council of Religious Education voted to approve the publication of a special "Service of Victory and Peace" for use in our church schools. In the busy week following the arrival of the news that the world war was ended, when both Monday and Tuesday were given to workers as a holiday, the service prepared by the members of this department was brought from the press in time to be used by schools near Boston on the next Sunday, and samples were mailed to all our schools. It will be sent free in desired quantities on application. The fact that a "Service of Thanksgiving and Praise" for use in the churches was published the same week reveals the skill, enterprise and ability of the Publication Agent and the hearty spirit of co-operation which makes possible such effective service to the churches and schools of our fellowship.

A leaflet containing a carefully classified list of books, suitable to be used by teachers and parents in the religious training of children and young people, which may be borrowed from the loan library of the Alliance and the American Unitarian Association, has been prepared and will soon be issued. The titles of the books just added are starred, so that borrowers may know what has recently appeared on the subject of religious education. For the suggestion of books especially suited for the use of parents, the department is indebted to the Committee on Religion in the Home. It is hoped that teachers and parents from all parts of the country will avail themselves of this way of securing books on this subject. The only expense to the borrower is the cost of return postage. For both list and books address The Circulating Library, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Two sets of slides, nearly all colored, have been added to the loan collection of slides. One, containing thirty-six slides, is entitled "The Pioneers of Congregationalism"; the second, a group of thirty-nine, presents "The Pilgrims in the Wilderness." A typewritten address will be sent with each group. A catalogue of these and other slides which will be loaned to church schools for cost of transportation and breakage, will be sent on application. The two groups just added are especially valuable in relation to the approaching Pilgrim tercentenary.

The Secretary of this Department is glad to take this opportunity to express his appreciation of the faithfulness and efficiency of the Directors of the Sunday School Society, who are also members of the Educational Council. In the more than twelve years he has been on this Board, he has been profoundly impressed, and never more than at the present time, with the ability and fidelity of those who have been elected to carry forward this work. All of them busy men and women, they have given themselves with singular devotion to the work. The same may be said, with equal truth and appreciation, of the members of the various committees that are working under appointment from the Board. To these faithful workers our schools and churches are immeasurably indebted.

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

For Unitarian Boys in Foreign Service

The cards of introduction for soldiers and sailors to use in England are ready for distribution. Ministers and others

who desire a few of them may secure them without charge upon application to the Publication Department.

We have also issued a card giving the location of Unitarian churches in London and directions for reaching them. These cards will be distributed free in limited quantity.

The new pamphlets in the Church Efficiency series as listed on this page are also ready for distribution in limited quantities to the churches of our fellowship.

A Service of Victory and Peace

We thank the ministers for the expressions of appreciation that we have received for the Service of Thanksgiving and Praise. The manuscript of this folder was delivered to the Publication Department at 10 o'clock on the morning of the eleventh. Despite the fact that all the business houses, including the printers, suspended work from Monday noon until Wednesday morning, we were able to have 10,000 copies printed, folded, banded, and the orders from the ministers filled, wrapped, and delivered to the post-office by nine o'clock Wednesday night.

BOOKS OF THE MONTH

The following recent books which may be classed as "books on liberal religion," "by Unitarian authors" or "about well-known Unitarians," have been acquired during the past month. They may be seen at the Book Room, 25 Beacon Street, and purchased at the accompanying prices.

New Orthodoxy, The, by Edward Scribner Ames; $1.00 net, or $1.08 by mail.

Readings from Great Authors, Holmes, Brown, Redding, and Goldsmith; $ .50 net, or $ .55 by mail.

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17. THE DUTIES OF CHURCH OFFICERS

A Message to Laymen

By Samuel B. Nobbs

A strong plea for Unitarians to heed the demands of the hour and enter as never before upon the serious duty of making their churches efficient channels for the transmission of a simple, reasonable, practical, and reverent religious faith.

18. MUSIC IN THE WORSHIP OF OUR CHURCHES

By Palfrey Perkins

Practical recommendations for the conduct of the music in our services of public worship.

19. METHODS OF PUBLICITY FOR UNITARIAN CHURCHES

By Henry Hallam Saunderson

An analysis of the problems of the typical Unitarian Church, with practical suggestions for reaching the people in all parts of the city.

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There is no calm like that when storm is done;
There is no pleasure keen as pain's release:
There is no joy that lies so deep as peace,
No peace so deep as that by struggle won.

Helen Grey Cone.

With the armistice signed and two days of celebration behind us we are gathering our scattered forces for the coming months. In all our hearts something is singing — the deep knowledge that America has proved her faith. Our soul is alive and we know it. The spiritual message long awaited from America has been sent and forever recorded.

And now what next? For months and months we must remain steady, must keep to the tasks that may grow increasingly difficult and hold up the hands of the spiritual and social laborers struggling to bring out order.

This will take various practical forms. Endless garments are needed for refugees in many lands. The Chaplains' Fund will need sustaining, social and religious work for soldiers and sailors on both sides of the water needs more support than ever before and will for another whole year. An immediate result of the armistice has been the crowding of all community houses about the camps on this side of the water. The men feel a longing to leave camp and mix with civilians. They are restless and may become dangerously so. Our work is not yet done and we shall all stand by.

A creed is a rod,
And a crown is of night;
But this thing is God,
To be man with thy might,
To grow straight in the strength of thy spirit, and live out thy life as the light.

Algernon Charles Swinburne.

Executive Board

The regular meeting was held November 8, Miss Lowell presiding. Thirty-seven were present, including three branch presidents. Each New England state was represented and New York and Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Davis reported a meeting held November 7 at Groton, Mass., where a tablet in memory of Mrs. Dix was unveiled and dedicated. Mrs. Davis recalled the wonderful service rendered to the National Alliance by Mrs. Dix in her presidency, and spoke of her executive ability, her great interest in Southern Circuit, and her never failing enthusiasm.

Miss Lowell reported attendance at neighborhood meetings in Lowell and Greenfield, Mass., and at the Monday Conference in Boston where 135 were present. It was of interest to learn that the union of the First Unitarian and High Street Congregational churches of Lowell under the Unitarian minister, Mr. Hussey, brings a large accession to our Alliance there from the women's society of the Congregational Church.

Miss Lowell reported her appointment to the War Work Council of the National Board of the Y. W. C. A.

A letter of thanks was voted to Mrs. F. B. Baury for the gift to the lending library of the Life and Letters of Dr. Collyer, made in appreciation of the help derived from the library during the donor's study at the Tuckerman School.

Particular attention was called to the Appeals for Southern Circuit and our

Unitarian Mission in Italy. An interesting letter from Mrs. Conte, in Florence, told of her son's promotion to an important position, that of addressing the soldiers on patriotic and moral subjects, because of his recognized work in strengthening the morale of his Arezzo Brigade.

It was voted that a committee be appointed by the chair to prepare a strong and convincing statement giving interesting details of our Southern Circuit work. Mmes. Noyes and Peterson were appointed with power to add to their number.

A letter of congratulation was voted to Mrs. Katherine Weller, of Montreal, now at Cannes, France, who has received the medal of gratitude from the President of the French Republic, for devoted service to French soldiers. She is the first of the overseas nurses in Cannes to be so honored.

A stirring Appeal was read from Mrs. Voigt for the Foyer for refugees, carried on by Mrs. Riddett at Cannes. It is hoped that Alliance friends may be able to send $100 towards the rent of this Foyer, and so help in personal work for the poor men, women, children, and babies who have been driven from their homes with loss of all their possessions. Mrs. Keyes promises $25 towards this amount from her Concord committee, and will be glad to receive any further contributions, large or small. Forward to Mrs. Prescott Keyes, Concord, Mass.

The name of Mrs. Josephine R. Boynton, Haverhill, Mass., has been placed *in memoriam* by her daughter.

Mrs. Charles E. St. John of Philadelphia was elected director for Eastern Pennsylvania to succeed Mrs. Woodbridge.

Mrs. William O. Witherell of West Roxbury was elected a member of the central Post Office Mission committee.

Attention was called to the Little Red Book for men at Camp Devens; and to Mrs. Bale's cards, the proceeds to go to the work for blinded Canadian soldiers at St. Dunstan's, London.

The Board has accepted the invitation of the Samaritan Alliance, Brooklyn, N. Y., to be their guests January 10, 1919, the time of the out-of-Boston meeting. An open conference on Alliance work will be held in the afternoon, and a cordial invitation is extended to all who may be interested. Church of the Saviour, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Reports were received from Salt Lake City, Colorado Springs, Denver and Pueblo branches, and five Massachusetts directors reported conditions in their districts.

At the next meeting, December 13, reports are due from the Southern states and the second Massachusetts division.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

Post Office Mission

The Post Office Mission this year plans to have its programmes follow the development of the work. The first meeting in November, took up the subject of "Church-door work and local distribution" with an introductory address by Dr. Eliot on the opportunities for missionary work.

At the second meeting, to be held in Channing Hall, Friday morning, December 20, at 11 o'clock, the subject will be "The Importance of Keeping Records." The discussion will be opened by Miss Louisa Blake, the former Secretary, whose long experience makes her peculiarly fitted to speak on this subject. The central committee wishes this year to emphasize the keeping of exact records though individual results may seem small, the total, if it can be had, will be most inspiring.

All Post Office Mission workers will be glad to know that Mrs. Annie L. Witherell, for several years the efficient secretary of the Massachusetts Alliance Conferences, has accepted the secretaryship of the central Post Office Mission Committee.

New England Alliance

The fall meeting of the New England Associate Alliance will be held on December 5th at 10.30 A. M. in the North Church, Salem. Train leaves Boston

at 9.35 for Salem. This time should be verified before December 5th since there are frequent changes in the train schedule.

The speakers of the morning will be the Rev. Harry Foster Burns of the First Parish, Dorchester, on The Religion of the Man in Service, Mrs. Frederick H. Tappan, of the First Church, Boston, on the Scollay Square, Service Club, Mr. H. W. Smith, of the War Camp Community Service, who will speak on the way we have taught our sailors to sing.

In the afternoon Mrs. Walter S. Swisher, of New London, Conn., will speak on social work for sailors in New London. Miss Helen Reid, of Montreal, will speak on the war situation of the time. There will be a box luncheon (and you are requested to bring your own sugar.)

Junior Fellowship Notes

Here are a few Christmas undertakings that have been tried by various Junior Alliances. Last year two different groups sent gifts to all the children in a nearby sanitarium, another gathered greens in the woods to decorate the church for Christmas Sunday, a fourth gave a party to some little children who don't have many good times, and the members of another group took part in a Christmas cantata.

The following account of what was done in Orange, N. J., may prove helpful: — "Last year our Juniors made a Santa Claus costume which was used at a charming Christmas party. The tree was in the Parish House, and the chairs placed in a semi-circle, facing it and the stage. We sang carols and the older Juniors gave the tableaux of Mary looking in the manger (in which was an electric light reflected on her face) while two angels with long, white wings knelt in adoration. Mary's cradle Song was sung while this tableau was shown. When the curtain dropped, we all began to sing "The Three Kings," and in came three little fellows to represent them. Each sang his own verse, then the curtain was drawn, and the kings went to present their gifts. The Bible passages were read by the minister before each tableau. Later came Santa Claus with his bag of gifts for the children. They had each brought a gift to help Santa, and these were now put into the empty bag to be carried to the Bureau of Charities."

The Pueblo Colorado Alliance reports that although their church has been closed for two years they continue to meet once a month for a business and social meeting with an average attendance of from five to ten members, their entire membership being fifteen. They have met once a week to sew for the Red Cross and have purchased a fifty dollar Liberty Bond, raising their funds by subscription since their time has been taken up by the Red Cross and they hope some time to show a larger membership and greater activity! If larger groups of us should work as faithfully in proportion to our members what glorious results we might achieve!

At Waltham, Mass. an interesting series of meetings has been held with outside speakers. Entertainments have been given to promote sociability and the loyalty of the branch has been shown by the readiness with which money has been raised to meet expenses. The response was so generous that after all appropriations were made, money enough remained to paint the chapel, supper room and parlor.

The Monday Conference of Alliance Branches will meet at 25 Beacon St., Boston, Monday, December 2 at 10.30 A. M. Miss Jane F. Edgcomb will preside and Alliance Appeals will be presented by various speakers.

New officers of Alliance branches are: Arlington, Mass., Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Rufus W. Blake, 30 Lombard Terrace; Roxbury, Mass., All Souls, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Backup, 43 West Cottage St., Uphams Corner; East Boston, Mass., President, Miss L. M. Fitch, 110 White St.; Groton, Mass., President, Mrs. Francis F. Woods; Littleton, Mass., President, Mrs. Oliver J. Fairfield; Medford, Mass., Treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Fosdick, 135 Mystic St.; Montague, Mass., Secretary, Mrs. Julia

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The officers of the newly formed branch at Medfield are: President, Mrs. Alfred C. Doane, Vice President, Mrs. Edwin J. Keyou, Recording Secretary Miss Emma F. Rhodes, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Leonard Cushman, Treasurer, Mrs. Frank E. Day.

Unitarianism Among Italian Soldiers

Corporal A. G., a lyceum student is an interested reader of the "Riforma" which he receives regularly through me. Often during his free hours he comes to me with religious problems, which I discuss with him gladly, at the same time reading to him, and translating various passages from Channing's works. He has also expressed a desire to possess some of the works which deal with Unitarianism, that he may have a better opportunity for studying these religious problems which so keenly interest him.

Another splendid example is that of the soldier R. M., who was hit in the legs by an enemy shell, and who is now a convalescent, after having been obliged to submit to the amputation of both legs. From the hospital he writes me most friendly letters, one of which was deeply moving in nature, for in it he describes the terrible operation he had undergone, together with its dreadful pain, so heroically supported. A part of his letter is as follows: — "The thought of my dear mother, who was suffering for me at home, and the faith in God our Heavenly Father which I have acquired, helped me tremendously in going through the trying ordeal of that grave operation. I cannot help feeling now that my real life has been practically cut off. Never again shall I be able to fight for my country. Tell me, do you think I shall still be fit for some sort of service for my country's benefit? I shall dedicate the remainder of my life to the service of my fellowmen, endeavoring to do good and repeating to all who are in trouble, those beautiful words of Jesus, which you repeated to me one day: "Come unto me all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Lieutenant G G., after having read many articles of the "Riforma Italiana," of which he was very fond, and after various discussions with me along religious lines, frankly declared himself a fervent Unitarian, and expressed his deep gratitude for the help I have afforded him. G. G., the noted young Milanese artist and the man who had called me friend and helper has passed on to his Maker. He was killed during the famous retreat, fighting bravely for the land he loved.

When 2nd Lieutenant G. gave up his life for his country, I lost another dear friend and our Army lost a superbly brave and daring machine-gunner. With him I had passed many months in the study of the Bible.

When the war is over, what a wealth of material will have been prepared for the furthering of God's great goodness and the preaching of His truths. What boundless good will be done, and how sorely in need of it will the world then be. When after this long and bitter war, the weary souls return to their homes, they will require, more than ever before, a fuller knowledge of God and of how best to worship Him and to show their love. True religion is the soul's first great need. Let us then lose no time in clearing for the great action, the new battle, which must end in God's complete victory.

The splendid woolen garments sent to the soldiers have afforded them much comfort in this cold and damp section of the country.

Together with the cards of thanks which they have, quiet of their own accord, sent to my mother, I desire to express my profound gratitude to the American friends for their kindness in sending the immensely useful gift of

wool, also to the Italian ladies who have so capably made them up into garments.

In God's name, and with His help, I shall keep right on with the faith-extending propaganda which I have undertaken. May I so work for the good of my fellowmen as to gain my Heavenly Father's blessing and the benediction of my own saintly father, whose spirit has passed on to its Maker.—*Italo Conte.*

Signora Conte writes to Mrs. Athert on in a letter of October twelfth that her son, Lieut. Conte, has been promoted to a most important post in the 225th Regiment of the famous "Brigata Arezzo," that of *Ufficio Propaganda*, giving him the care of speaking to the soldiers formally and privately on patriotic and moral subjects, and providing for their needs and comforts. He went on a recent occaion to the Second Battaglione and was explaining the Bulgarian situation to a group of about fifteen soldiers. When he finished speaking he had an audience of about one thousand, including several officers!

Conditions in Cannes

Our dear little Creche is going on beautifully. It is lovely to see the children so well, so happy and learning through care and love to behave nicely, their minds expanding daily. They sing so nicely and are learning with pride a verse of the "Star Spangled Banner"!

Antibes is simply thronged with refugees. Many of these poor folks for the second time chased from their homes, and possessing nothing but their few clothes; poor babies died on the journey; in various cases mothers arriving like distracted creatures. We found that the lodgings and food that the town could provide were frequently too horrible, so a house was offered us free if we would do some repairs and pay taxes. Here we have seventeen small sets of rooms with tiny kitchens and the poor folks will pay the same rent as they did in the dreadful dens in which they have lived.

We hope in a year to cover thus our outlay and if any surplus, later to make further improvements. The furniture is a big problem but with friends' help we hope to glean here and there the strict necessaries. Then our last new work is — another Creche, or Garderie for refugee babies from four weeks to three years, poor little lambs! We have a delightful house and small garden in a quiet street and here two large down-stairs rooms, big kitchen, lavoir and scullery will be devoted to the babies. Up-stairs two nice rooms for the matron, Miss Fotheringham (working under the dear Wilsons) herself in very poor circumstances, so that the lodging and modest salary is a help to her, too — and in the attic will be stored all cases and supplies for the various works. The Garderie opens on September 2nd and we are collecting clothes, stores, furniture, etc. We only pay £24 — and water, for this house, so we were pleased to find it and hope God will bless this little work for the poor little creatures whose early days have been so over-shadowed.

At last, August 21st, I am advised of a case of toys from you intended for last Christmas and which after many formalities are in France, being en route for Cannes so this will be a boon for the two Creches and other children, of whom there are swarms, some of them poor, little sickly creatures.

Through the Foyer help of every kind is given to the refugees, when they are ill, out of work, homeless or without proper food. They began coming after the drive last March and have been arriving in Cannes off and on ever since. As late as October 11th a large convoy came from Cambrai.

The idea of the "Foyer" is to give the refugees a decent place in which to pass some quiet hours during the day and where they may obtain information and help of every kind as well as food at cost price or gratuitously if they are absolutely destitute.

The houses provided by the town for the refugees are as a rule little better than hovels, owing to the shortage of dwelling places. Mrs. Riddett has rented a large salle for the Foyer with two rooms in the back, one of which is used as a kitchen and one as an office. The

large salle is of course the Foyer where the unfortunate refugees meet to have a few hours' rest and quiet each day in their pitiable condition. A great deal of clothing and good food has been distributed to them and Mrs. Riddett's funds are getting low. The rent is 700 francs a year.

One hundred dollars sent to Madame Riddett, Villa Riddett, Cannes, Aples Maritimes, France, would be a boon in this personal and delicate work for the poor men, women, children and babies who have been driven from their homes with loss of all their possessions.

Branch treasurers are reminded that the address of The Alliance treasurer, Mrs. L. C. Noyes, is 25 Beacon St., Boston, and all communications should be sent there rather than to her home address.

The Chaplains' Fund

One additional need which will be met by the chaplains' fund was voiced recently by one of our chaplains on this side of the water. The leader of the regimental band is very friendly and would be glad to arrange an orchestra to play sacred music for Sunday afternoons if there were anyone to provide the orchestral scores. A few dollars from a chaplains' fund would supply the music.

Many of the chaplains in other communions have made personal appeals for their funds. This has not been done by Unitarians in service, and it is a matter of denominational loyalty for us to complete this appeal since the need is great.

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Appeals

Appeals stand as follows:

Chaplains' Fund	$126
Green Harbor	366
Meadville Students	181
Pacific School Students	191
Tuckerman School	169
Southern Circuit in addition to pledges	1,200
White Plains	179
Italian Mission	559
Memphis, Tenn.	319
Christian Register (to increase circulation)	494
Foreign War Relief (unlimited)	

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Suggested Topics

Devotional: The Prayer Life.

Dec. 1. John 17: 11-21. A Prayer for Friends.
8. Isaiah 1: 11-15. Prayer not a Pious Practice Merely.
15. Acts 17: 22-28. The Hunger for God.
22. I Kings 3: 7-9. A Prayer in Responsibility.
29. Daniel 6: 10. The Practice of Prayer.

Social: Good Books for Reconstruction Days.

Dec. 1. "America, Save the Near East," A. M. Rihbany.
8. "You Are the Hope of the World." Hermann Hagedorn.
15. "The Vital Issues of the War." R. W. Boynton.
22. "Do We Need a New Idea of God?" E. H. Reeman.
29. "The Soul of America in Time of War." Unitarian Ministers.

The Marlboro Rally

On Sunday, December 8, afternoon and evening, will be held the big District Rally at Marlboro, Mass., at the Second Parish Church, corner of Pleasant and Lincoln Streets. The churches which have been invited to send young people to the gathering include Stow, Sudbury, Wayland, Hudson, Weston, Framingham, Natick, Wellesley Hills, Clinton, Berlin, Westboro, Northboro, Concord, Lancaster, Bolton, and Ayer. The session opens at 3.30 with a Community Sing, followed by a Bible Pageant. The box supper is scheduled for 5.30 and at the supper hour, the Question Box will be opened. The evening meeting will be at 7 o'clock and will open with greetings from the minister, Rev. Ralph E. Conner. The Devotional Service will be conducted by Rev. Palfrey Perkins, Weston. The address of the evening will be given by Rev. Edward Cummings, Boston. The Field Secretary, Miss Minnie Packard, will preside.

The First Mass Meeting

Of the three mass meetings planned for the winter to be held in Boston, the first will be held at the First Church, Berkeley and Marlboro Streets, Sunday evening, December 15, with the following program: Devotional Service, Rev. Sydney B. Snow; Prayer, Rev. Edward A. Horton; Greetings, Rev. Charles E. Park. Two short addresses will be given. One of the features will be a chorus of young people. All in Boston who are interested in the future of liberal religion are invited to be present, and it is suggested to churches within autorange of the city that parties be made up for that evening.

A Very Busy Secretary

Our new field-secretary, Miss Minnie Packard, has had a very busy month in November, and December promises to be even busier. She has held office hours forenoons at Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, and besides answering the growing correspondence has held numerous interviews with workers who have come in for advice and suggestions. Afternoons, evenings, and Sundays, she has been speaking and organizing in many different towns. During November she has presented the claims of the Y. P. R. U. and set forth its new spirit and aims at three conferences, Norfolk, Plymouth and Bay, and South Middlesex, held respectively at Dorchester, West Bridgewater and Cambridge. She has spoken at the following Y. P. R. U. Rallies, Brookline, October 27; Needham, November 3; Quincy, November 10; Lynn, November 17; and the Boston Federation, November 24. Her other speaking engagements and conferences with workers have included Waltham, November 7; Boston First Church Club, November 12; Worcester, Church of the Unity, November 15;

Winthrop, November 17; Arlington, November 20; West Somerville, November 24.

Her appointments for December include Rallies at Arlington, December 1, Marlboro, December 8, and the Mass meeting, December 15. She has appointments to speak at the folllowing alliances: Bridgewater, December 5, Dedham, December 10, Wollaston, January 7, and Salem, February 18. There are also engagements at Norwell, December 22, and Northfield, December 29.

Miss Packard is also planning a trip with rallies in New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia in January.

The Worcester Rally

December 1st, beginning at 3 o'clock there will be a Sunday afternoon rally in the Church of the Unity, Worcester, Mass. Automobile parties are being planned from the surrounding towns and cities. Dr. Albert C. Dieffenbach will be the big speaker of the afternoon, and Mr. Carl B. Wetherell, president of the National Y. P. R. U. will preside. The Worcester churches will serve refreshments for all guests. There will be community singing at 3 o'clock, followed by a devotional service led by Mr. Howard Searles, president of the new and growing society at Marlboro.

The Arlington Rally

The Arlington Rally will be held at the First Congregational Parish, Unitarian, corner of Pleasant and Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, December 1st. The program begins at 4.30 o'clock with a Community Sing, led by Mr. Archibald of Waltham, followed by a Bible Pageant at 4.45. The Box Supper will be at 6 o'clock. The evening session comes at 7.30 and will open with Greetings by the minister, Rev. Frederick Gill. The devotional service will be led by Rev. James MacDonald of Melrose. The address will be by Rev. Charles Francis Potter of Wellesley Hills.

The co-operating churches and societies in the Arlington Rally are Lexington, East Lexington, Concord, Somerville, West Somerville, Medford, Cambridge, Newton, Winchester, Malden, Melrose, Stoneham, Reading, Woburn, Watertown, Belmont, Waverley, Billerica, Weston and Waltham.

A New War Book

"Entente Cordiale" from the letters of Lieut. Henri G———, is the name of a new and interesting war book which is on sale by the Y. P. R. U. at Room 11, and also in the bookroom at 25 Beacon Street. It is neatly bound in boards and sells for only $1.00. It would make a good Christmas remembrance for a friend, and every purchase helps the Y. P. R. U.

Notes

A new union has been organized in Lynn and will be called the Stewart Club in honor of Rev. Samuel Barrett Stewart, minister of the church for forty years.

The Brighton Y. P. R. U. has packed and sent a Christmas box to the Khasi Hills (India) Unitarian Young People.

Barnard Memorial young people are planning to send a Christmas box to Newfoundland.

Report all social affairs and coming events to the new Publicity Manager, Rev. Charles Francis Potter, Wellesley Hills, Mass. Other societies will be glad to learn of your success.

If you know of a Unitarian Church without a young people's society, where one might be built up, write to Room 11, 25 Beacon Street.

Send 50 cents each for new subscriptions to WORD AND WORK to Room 11, 25 Beacon Street. Better still, pay for your renewal and send the paper to some friend by sending us the two addresses and a dollar bill.

Unions that are studying reconstruction work can find valuable and interesting material in the publications of The New York Institute for Crippled Men (address W. C. McMurtrie, 311 Fourth Ave., New York), and from the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment, Ottawa, Canada. The above publications are on file for loaning purposes at Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston.

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Alcohol and the New Era

War efficiency demanded a great reduction in alcoholic beverages.

Great Britain established a Central Control Board which immediately restricted the sale of liquor to five or five and one-half hours a day, forbade treating and credit sales, and took charge of districts surrounding war industry plants. The Government took over distilleries for munition purposes, and reduced beer more than two thirds in production and to about 2½% alcoholic content.

Australian states established early closing laws.

Canada and **Newfoundland** prohibited all manufacture, sale and transportation of alcoholic beverages.

Denmark prohibited distillation of spirits until the end of the war, and reduced the production of beer by more than 80%.

Norway abolished life licenses, gave power to local communities to prohibit all alcoholics, and prohibited the manufacture of spirits during the war.

Sweden put wine and beer under the Gothenburg system, (which previously controlled only spirits).

France prohibited the manufacture of absinthe; Joffre forbade sale of liquor to soldiers but issued wine rations. Home distilling was reduced to 2½ gallons per person (without tax). Drunkenness was more strictly controlled. Military districts were formed in which sale of spirits was prohibited, and no liquor was to be sold to American soldiers except wine under 18%. June 2, 1918, all sale or consumption of spirits in the war zone was prohibited.

Russia prohibited vodka under the Czar, and the Kerensky government continued the prohibition. No one knows what the Bolsheviki have done.

Italy reduced hours of sale of liquor.

Roumania issued orders equivalent to virtually complete prohibition.

Servia restricted sale of liquor to soldiers and inebriates.

Belgium prohibited absolutely sale and importation of distilled spirits.

The United States entered the war with about 52,000,000 of its population in dry territory. Of this 27,000,000 was in nineteen prohibition states, 23,000,000 in the seventeen local option states and 1,500,000 in the three license states.

By January 1, 1919, Prohibition laws now enacted will have become operative in nine of the wet states, bringing an added population of 4,500,000 into the dry column.

The first War Congress, as a war emergency measure, prohibited importation of distilled spirits, the use of food stuffs in the manufacture of distilled beverages, and authorized the President to commandeer distilled spirits for munitions and limit, regulate or prohibit the use of food stuffs in the production of wine and beer. Distillation was stopped September 8, 1917. Beer was reduced in production from about 108,000,000 to about 55,500,000 gallons, and the alcoholic content reduced to 2¾%. All use of food stuffs in manufacture of beer ceases December 1, 1918, and complete wartime prohibition will be in force from June 30, 1919, to the end of the demobilization period.

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